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SUBJ: FOL SECRETARY KNOX ON ILO ISSUE

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1. INDISCUSSION WITH LABATT, FEDERATION OF LABOUR (FOL) SECRETARY JIM KNOX EXPRESSED HIS DISMAY OVER POSSIBILITY US MIGHT WITHDRAW FROM ILO. KNOX SAID THAT WHILE HE AGREES WITH MOST US CRITICISMS OF ILO, HE FIRMLY BELIEVES SITUATION CAN BE CORRECTED ONLY BY OUR REMAINING IN ORGANIZATION. IF US DOES LEAVE, KNOX FEELS ILO WILL BECOME COMPLETELY POLITICIZED AS AN INSTRUMENT OF THE COMMUNIST BLOC. HE, THEREFORE, STRONGLY URGED THAT US REMAIN IN ORGANIZATION.

2. DRAWING ON THE POINTS CONTAINED IN SECRETARY'S LETTER TO ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL, LABATT STRESSED THAT US HAD NOT MADE FINAL DECISION TO WITHDRAW, BUT WE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT SITUATION THAT HAS DEVELOPED. WE HOPED LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW WOULD HELP FOCUS ATTENTION ON PROBLEM AREAS AND THAT WE COULD LOOK FORWARD TO ACTIVE FOL SUPPORT FOR OUR EFFORTS. WHILE KNOX, WHO WILL BE NEW ZEALAND LABOR REPRESENTATIVE AT

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JUNE ILO CONFERENCE, REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT PROBLEMS

MUST BE RESOLVED WITHOUT US WITHDRAWAL, HE ALSO SAID HE
WOULD DO HIS BEST TO HELP BRING ABOUT NECESSARY CHANGES.
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